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SUMMARY

GAIRY ADDRESSES RALLY. SECOND MAN REPORTED KILLED AND GOVERN-
MENT BUILDING BURNED. PROTEST LEADER PIERRE IN TRINIDAD.
BRITISH INDEPENDENCE GIFT TO GRENADA. END SUMMARY.

1. TODAY'S PRESS CARRIES DELAYED NEWS REPORTS FROM GRENADAD
CONCERNING ADDRESS BY PREMIER ERIC GAIRY TO PUBLIC RALLY
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EVENING JANUARY 23 AT WHICH HE SPOKE OUT AGAINST LOOTING IN

ST. GEORGE'S AND SAID SUCH ACTIONS WOULD NOT BE CONDONED BY HIM OR GOG. REPORT SAYS SECOND DEATH OCCURRED WHEN DEMONSTRATORS WAYLAID TRUCK OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS RETURNING TO ST. GEORGE'S FROM GAIRY RALLY OUTSIDE CAPITAL. A GOVERNMENT-OWNED RESIDENCE WAS REPORTED BURNED TO GROUND NIGHT OF JANUARY 23 BUT IMMEDIATE CAUSE WAS NOT KNOWN.

2. RADIO REPORTS THAT ANTI-GAIRY TRADE UNION LEADER ERIC PIERRE LEFT GRENADA FOR PORT OF SPAIN JANUARY 24 TO REPORT TO CCL ON DEVELOPMENTS IN GRENADA. PIERRE CONFIRMED GAIRY'S RADIO BROADCAST JANUARY 20 RECALLING POLICE AIDES AND LABELLED THIS VIOLATION OF GAIRY'S AGREEMENT LAST NOVEMBER TO DISBAND POLICE AIDES/ PIERRE ALSO ACCUSED POLICE AIDES OF PARTICIPATING IN LOOTING.

3. REUTERS REPORTS HMG ANNOUNCEMENT IN LONDON THAT ITS INDEPENDENCE GIFT TO GRENADA WILL BE SILVER COFFEE SERVICE AND TRAY.
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